

## Mild and wet weather to bring thaw

**24 January 2013 - Parts of Britain will see further heavy snowfall on Friday before milder, wet and windy conditions bring a thaw, Met Office forecasters are predicting.**



On Friday a band of rain will move across the UK from the west. This will turn to snow over much of Scotland during the morning and parts of northern, central and eastern England during the afternoon and evening. Meanwhile, western parts of the UK will see rain.

Over the weekend all parts will see a change to milder and unsettled conditions.

The change to milder weather will result in a combination of a thaw of lying snow and periods of rain which inevitably increases the risk of flooding in some areas. The Met Office and Environment Agency are monitoring the situation very closely and advise everyone to stay up to date with the latest weather forecasts, severe weather warnings, and flood warnings.

Met Office Severe Weather Warnings have been issued for both rain and snow over the coming days. Amber warnings for snow are in place across northern, central and eastern parts of the UK on Friday, where 4 to 8 cm of fresh snow is likely quite widely, with a risk of more than 10 cm in places.

Yellow warnings are in force for rain across some western areas on Friday and many parts on Sunday. Met Office weather warnings help you plan, prepare and protect yourself and others from the impacts of severe weather.

Anthony Astbury, Met Office Deputy Chief Forecaster, said: "Many northern, central and eastern parts of the UK look set to see the final fall of snow for this cold spell. Then we will see a change to milder and more unsettled conditions, as Atlantic weather systems bring spells of wind and rain, but also some drier brighter conditions at times.

"Everyone is advised to keep up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings and plan ahead if they are travelling during this change from icy to mild conditions."

Phil Rothwell, Environment Agency Flood Risk Manager, said: "A combination of rain and snowmelt over the weekend will increase the risk of flooding especially in South West England, Wales, the west Midlands and northern England. We are closely monitoring the situation and have teams ready to respond to any potential flooding.

"People should check out if they are in a flood risk area, and sign up to free flood warnings on the [Environment Agency website](#)."

By thinking ahead we can all be better prepared for severe weather. Throughout the winter, the Met Office works with agencies across the UK to help keep the country safe, well and on the move.

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